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RS RSBAN THAY MILITARY AREAS
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1. FIRST OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] BAN THAY
MILITARY BARRACKS AREA CONSISTED OF THREE SMALL POSSIBLE MILITARY AREAS
AND A 4-GUN PROBABLE AAA SITE WITH THREE POSITIONS OCCUPIED.

2. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE OF LUCKY DRAGON [REDACTED]
REVEALED AREAS A AND B TO CONTAIN A TOTAL OF 24 BUILDINGS AND ONE 4-GUN
AAA SITE. AREA C CONTAINED A TOTAL OF 41 DISPERSED BARRACKS/STORAGE
BUILDINGS UNDER A PARTIALLY DEFOLIATED TREE CANOPY. SIGNS OF TRACK
ACTIVITY WERE EVIDENT AND A ROAD SYSTEM IN EARLY STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT
WAS OBSERVED WITHIN THE AREA.

3. TROIJAN HORSE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] REVEAL THREE AREAS IN BAN THAY VICINITY:

AREA A, LOCATED 1.5 NM NNE OF BAN THAY ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE
HOUAY NOAI (RIVER), APPEARS ABANDONED. A REVETTED 4-GUN UNOCCUPIED AAA
SITE AND AN ADJACENT UNREVVETTED 4-GUN UNOCCUPIED AAA SITE REMAIN. THE
FORMER MILITARY AREA LOCATED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE AAA SITES HAS BEEN
DISMANTLED, AND ONLY FOUR PARTIALLY DISMANTLED BUILDINGS REMAIN.

AREA B, LOCATED 1.5 NM NE OF BAN THAY ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF
ROUTE 9, ALSO APPEARS ABANDONED. THE FORMER MILITARY AREA CONTAINS FIVE
PARTIALLY DISMANTLED BUILDINGS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RIVER. AN ADJACENT
MILITARY AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST THREE BUILDINGS UNDER A HEAVY TREE

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CANOPY ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER APPEARS TO HAVE SLIGHT TRACK
ACTIVITY AT THE ENTRANCE ROAD.

AREA C, LOCATED 1.8 NM NNE OF BAN THAY ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE
HOUAY NOAI (RIVER), REVEALS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ACTIVITY. THE
ROAD SYSTEM HAS BEEN EXTENDED AND DEVELOPED. AN EXTENSIVE WOODED, ROAD-
SERVED BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA APPROXIMATELY HALF A SQUARE MILE IN AREA
CONTAINS AT LEAST 66 DISPERSED BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS (48 OF WHICH
ARE SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) UNDER A HEAVY TREE CANOPY. HEAVY, WHEELED TRACK
ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. ISOLATED PATCHES OF ROW
CROPS ARE VISIBLE WITHIN THE AREA.

4. AREA HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY NUMEROUS [REDACTED] LUCKY
DRAGON, AND [REDACTED] MISSIONS.

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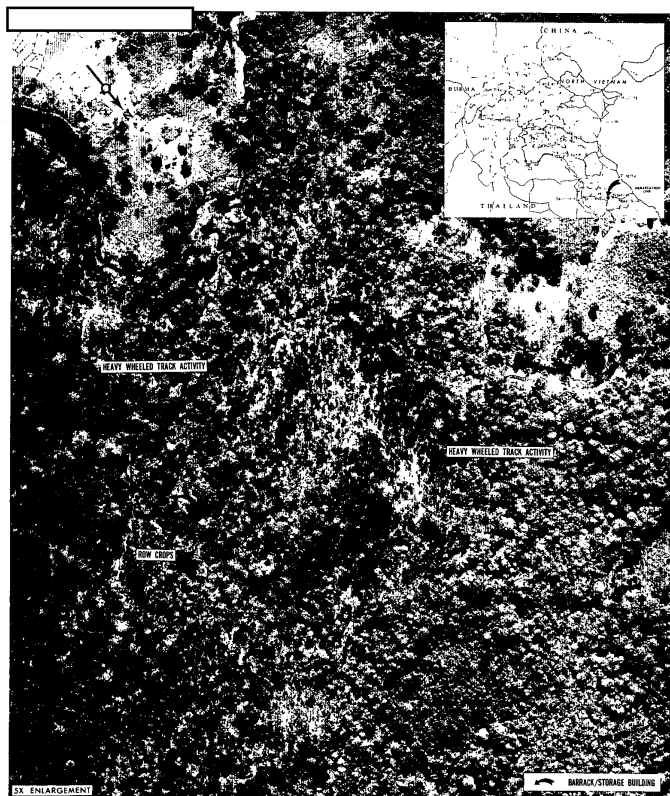
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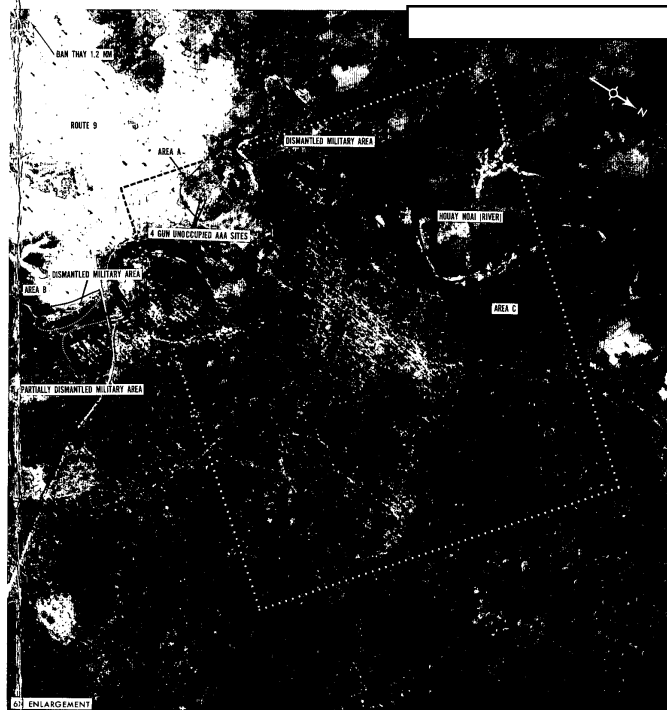


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